

ABSTRACT

This invention relates to novel pyridazinone derivatives of formula **I** wherein R^1 - R^4 , R^7 , R^8 and X^1 are as defined in the summary and pharmaceutically acceptable salts and solvates thereof, methods to inhibit or modulate Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) reverse transcriptase with compounds of formula **I**, pharmaceutical compositions containing of formula **I** admixed with at least one solvent, carrier or excipient and processes to prepare compounds of formula **I**. The compounds are useful for treating disorders in which HIV and genetically related viruses are implicated

